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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The following items of business will be pressing for decision at our conference at Rutgers. I invite the serious consideration of all chapters to these matters and solicit your comments and suggestions on how we can best deal with these very pressing matters.

First, Speaker-of-the-Year. As many of you will recall, this year will conclude our tenth year of the speaker-of-the-year awards. We must make a decision on the future of the awards and our plans with regard to this very important activity of the society. There are several alternatives to which I invite your attention:

1. Maintain the awards on the present basis. This alternative has received some criticism and poses some problems.
2. Reduce the number of categories. That is instead of the five, reduce the number to say three and present the awards on this basis.
3. Maintain the five categories but present only one award each year. This would simplify in some respects and complicate in others.
4. Discontinue the awards. This is probably the least desirable of all the alternatives.

However, I suggest that you consider each of the above and if you have ideas of others, we would like to have them. Also, we would like to have your suggestions on which of the above you think is most feasible.

Second major item of business will be the initiation of new members at our conference. You should make your plans on this at once. If you have students who will be attending the national conference and who have not been initiated into TKA, this is the ideal time for this to be accomplished. We



DR. EARL BRADLEY

would like to make this a major feature of the conference. Get your applications for membership in to our national secretary at the earliest possible moment.

The third item I would call to your attention is attendance at our national conference. I hope that a large number of chapters will plan to attend the Rutgers Conference. Director Karl Moll has some very fine plans and facilities and I am sure that it will be a very worthwhile event, one from which all who attend will profit greatly.

Give these matters your attention. Also, if there are other items that you feel should be placed on the agenda of our council sessions at Rutgers, please drop me a line and I shall include them and every consideration will be given to them.

A NEW CONGRESS FOR THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Student Congress for the 1959 National Tau Kappa Alpha Conference will be modified from Congresses held in the past. In an effort to improve student interest and participation and to maximize the opportunities for realistic, practical experience with the legislative processes, Rutgers University has added several innovations to the activity.

First, the Congress will be judged and awards will be given by the host school to outstanding participants on the basis of skill in parliamentary debate and knowledge of parliamentary procedure.

Secondly, each school in attendance will be asked to bring to the conference a bill proposing some course of action on the national debate topic or the sub-topic that will be announced (or both, if desired) for submission to the appropriate committees.

Finally, since political activity is part and parcel of the whole legislative process, delegates will come to the Congress aligned with a party (probably labeled conservative and liberal). The scheduling of the Conference allows for periodic party caucusing for the purpose of choosing floor leaders,



PROF. KARL MOLL
Director of the 1959 National
Conference

solidifying party lines, and planning strategy.

It is felt that, through its emphasis upon practical politics, parliamentary skill, leadership, and group organization,—as well as upon discussion and formal debate—the congress will prove a unique experience in student governmental activity and citizen responsibility.

EVERY TKA CHAPTER

Should Be Represented at

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

March 23, 24, 25, 1959

THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

March 23, 24, 25, 1959

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Monday, March 23	8:00 A.M.	Registration—The Ledge
	9:00	General Session
	10:00	Round I Debate and Discussion
	11:30	Preliminary Party Caucuses
	12:15 P.M.	President's Luncheon
	1:30	Opening Congressional Assembly—Reading of Party Platforms
	2:00	First Meeting of Congressional Committees
	3:00	Round II Debate and Discussion
	4:30	Round I Public Speaking
	5:30	Initiation
	6:30	Executive Council Meeting—Dinner Student Council Meeting—Dinner
	8:00	Party Caucuses, Coffee and Conniving.
Tuesday, March 24	9:00 A.M.	Round III Debate and Discussion
	10:30	Round IV Debate and Discussion
	12:00 P.M.	Lunch (Student Council Luncheon)
	1:00	Second Meeting of Committees
	3:00	Round II Public Speaking
	4:00	Re-convening of General Assembly—vote on debate topic
	5:30	Conference Banquet
	8:00	Student Council Elections
Wednesday, March 25	9:00	Party Caucuses
	8:30 A.M.	Round V Debate and Discussion
	10:00	Round VI Debate
	11:30	Lunch
	1:00 P.M.	Public Speaking Finals
	2:00	Final Session of Congress—vote on the sub- topic
	3:30	Tea and Results.

SECRETARY'S PAGE

During the school year 1957-58 a total of 283 new memberships were granted in Tau Kappa Alpha, compared to a total of 241 for the previous year, an increase of 17 percent. For TKA's 100 chapters, the new memberships averaged less than three per chapter. An examination of chapter reports indicates that some chapters with extremely active forensic programs are not initiating as many new members as they might. Chapter sponsors are urged to keep their chapter membership up to full potential strength.

Four new chapters were installed during 1957-58. The schools, location and chapter sponsors are:

Howard College—Birmingham, Alabama—Prof. G. Allan Yeomans

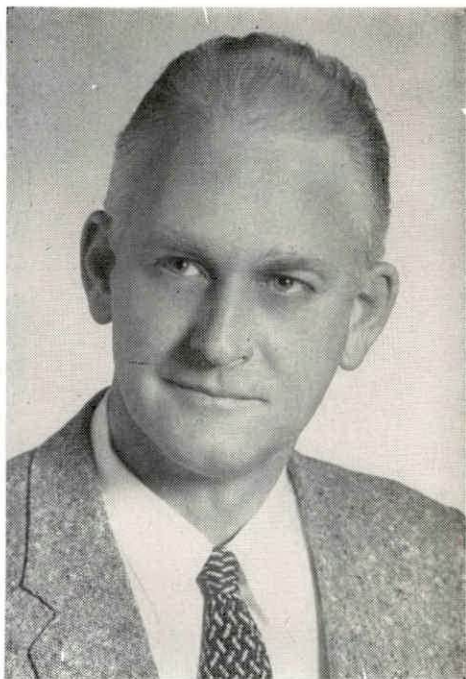
Univ. of Miami—Coral Gables, Florida—Prof. Donald Sprague

Mississippi Southern U.—Hattiesburg, Miss.—Prof. Don George

University of Maryland—College Park, Maryland—Prof. Malthon Anapol

Fifty-eight donations to the Golden Jubilee Fund totaled \$1,229.87. To a very great extent those generous donations made possible the Golden Jubilee Souvenir Brochure and the TKA Alumni Awards which honored some of the most illustrious of Tau Kappa Alpha's alumni. The Golden Jubilee Conference at the University of Kentucky in April was one of the most impressive and inspirational conferences in the fifty year history of Tau Kappa Alpha.

Only a few chapter sponsors have not yet returned the annual Chapter Report to the national office. Much



DR. RALPH Y. MCGINNIS

essential information is gained from these reports, including the names of the officers, the faculty sponsor, and the forensic program of each chapter.

Many items of business were conducted by the National Executive Council at Chicago, December 29. (See minutes of the meeting printed in this issue). Special attention is called to the action taken on membership dues. Regular student initiation fees remain \$8.00 per student to the national office. Faculty sponsor membership is free. Honorary memberships (to distinguished college alumni and to faculty members whom a local TKA chapter wishes to honor) are \$2.00 per person.

MINUTES OF TAU KAPPA ALPHA NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

December 29, 1958

1. The National Executive Council of Tau Kappa Alpha met from 7:00 to 12:00 p.m. December 29, 1958 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Present at the meeting were:

President: Dr. Earl E. Bradley -----Southern Illinois University
 First Vice Pres.: Prof. Annabel Hagood -----University of Alabama
 2nd Vice Pres.: Dr. Victor Powell -----Wabash College
 3rd Vice Pres.: Dr. Gifford Blyton -----University of Kentucky
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III. Virginia: Dr. Bert E. Bradley -----University of Richmond

IV. Southern: Dr. M. G. Christopherson ----University of South Carolina
 (as proxy for Dr. Joe C. Wetherby--Duke University)

V. Ohio-Kentucky: Dr. James McIntyre ----Case Institute of Technology

VI. Midwestern: Dr. Nicholas M. Cripe -----Butler University

Members at Large:

Dr. Merrill Baker -----University of South Dakota

Dr. Paul Keller -----Manchester College

Chairmen of Standing Committees:

I. Standards: Dr. Wayne C. Eubank -----University of New Mexico

II. Finance: Dr. Victor Powell -----Wabash College

2. The Secretary-Treasurer's Report for the 1957-1958 school year was read and accepted. The following items were noted and discussed:

A. New memberships totaled 283, compared with 241 for the previous year.
 (An increase of 17%.)

B. Four new chapters were installed during the year, compared with two new chapters for the previous year. New chapters include:

<i>School</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
Howard College ---	Birmingham, Alabama ---	Prof. G. Allan Yeomans
University of Miami---	Coral Gables, Florida---	Prof. Donald Sprague
Mississippi Southern U. ----	Hattiesburg, Miss. ----	Prof. Don George
University of Maryland --	College Park, Maryland --	Prof. M. M. Anapol

C. Greater chapter activity in forensics was indicated by the chapter reports to the national office and by the decreased number of chapters initiating no new members for the year.

D. Contributions to the Golden Jubilee Fund totaled \$1229.87.

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SPEAKER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Left to right: GENERAL CRITTENBERGER, AMBASSADOR LODGE, and MR. RYAN.

At the United Nations in New York City, on October 21, Oswald Ryan, Tau Kappa Alpha Founder, made the presentation of the Speaker-of-the-Year award to Henry Cabot Lodge, U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations, "for distinguished service to the Nation, the free world and to the art of effective, intelligent and responsible public speech."

In a short presentation speech Mr. Ryan paid tribute to "the statesman-like manner in which the Ambassador had defended the character and motives of the American nation against the attack of the boldest and most powerful opposing forces that ever tried to undermine the good name of a great people." He predicted that the debate which had been in progress for several years at the UN and in which Ambassador Lodge was a major participant "would find a place in this country's history not unlike that other great debate which took place one hundred years ago this month on the Illinois prairie and which was also concerned with the question of our national survival."

"You have worked courageously and unceasingly," Mr. Ryan said, "to build up a sense of right and wrong and to mobilize world opinion against injustice."

The Ambassador responded with words of appreciation "for Tau Kappa Alpha and its eminent record of forensic achievement that extended over a half century." "I am honored," he said, "by being selected for an award under such auspices." He added that he "noted with keen interest the point made in the presentation remarks that the task of Ambassador to the UN in answering the challenges of our opponents was made difficult by the fact that generally the reply must be made on moment's notice, under great pressure and without the opportunity for study and preparation. This is a sound and true observation in my experience."

Standing at the side of the Ambassador during the presentation was Lieut. General Willis Crittenger, President of the Committee on Free Europe. He is a long-time friend of Mr. Lodge and Mr. Ryan and was a classmate of the latter in the Anderson (Indiana) High School.

A NEW CHAPTER IN TKA



PROF. M. M. ANAPOL (*left*), sponsor of the University of Maryland chapter, receives the charter for his school's TKA chapter from PROF. KARL MOLL, Governor of the Mideastern Region

THE BRITISH STYLE OF DEBATING

WALDO W. BRADEN*

Frequently after entertaining a British team, a forensic group is left with the uncomfortable realization that somehow the debate lacked a certain esprit de corps, that the Englishmen failed to fit into the American pattern, and that the local representatives did not adjust to the British line of argument. Sometimes American students react to British debaters as follows: "they didn't touch our argument, but we just couldn't match their wit." The British students probably are frustrated by our formal approach to argumentation.¹ On occasion they even poke fun at our students for their seriousness, for their files of notes, and for their refusal to depart from carefully prepared analyses and so-called "debate strategy." At the heart of this conflict, of course, are two radically different systems of collegiate debating and two diverse views concerning the place of debating in the educational program.

A visit to a university union debating society in England² helps to see clearly the differences in the two systems. In this report I hope to summarize the British system. Throughout the article I shall illustrate many points by quoting from the "Standing Orders For the Conduct of Debate" of the Leeds University Debating Society.³ Other societies which I personally visited followed similar rules of procedure.

The debating hall. The first essential feature of the British system is found in the arrangement of the debating hall. Much like the House of Commons the listeners are crowded around the speakers. Usually on each side of the room are several rows of chairs or benches, sometimes separated by a great table. In some halls there are also cross benches. Like the cabinet members and the leaders of the opposition in the house of Commons, the debaters, i.e. "movers," "opposers," and "seconders," sit on the front benches. A debater usually addresses his remarks to those opposite with no attempts to encompass all persons in the room. He considers those at his back already with him. He of course can expect interruptions and questions from the back benches when he offends or speaks carelessly.

The British seemingly believe that the room arrangement is extremely important. Winston Churchill reflected this attitude when he said that the chamber of the House of Commons should be small enough to permit a conversational style, "the facility for quick informal interruptions and interchanges." He argued that

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¹ See I. S. Lloyd and W. H. L. Richmond, "The 1947 Cambridge Tour." *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, XXXIV (February, 1948), pp. 46-49.

² During the fall of 1957 I personally visited debating groups at Cambridge University, University of London, University College of Dublin, University College of North Wales, Manchester University, Trinity College of Dublin, and University College of University of London. I have reported at length concerning my visits in the following: "Notes on Debating in the British Isles," *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, XLIV (October, 1958), pp. 285-293.

³ From a small booklet entitled "Leeds University Debating Society, Session 1957-58." The booklet was sent to me by the Secretary for Debates of the Society.

"there should be on great occasions a sense of crowd and urgency. There should be a sense of the importance of much that is said and a sense that great matters are being decided, there and then, by the House."⁴

The proposition. The second essential feature concerns the nature of the proposition. In the first place a given society considers a different question at each meeting. Below are the questions which Leeds University Debating Society considered during the 1957-58 season:

That a university is a service station and not an ivory tower.
 That women deserve everything they get.
 That this House advocates the abolition of nuclear weapon tests.
 That, in the opinion of this House, Britannia's shield is tarnished.
 That the pen is mightier than the powerhouse.
 That this House regrets the influence of jazz.
 That this House prefers a cheerful decadence to an iron purpose.
 That the age of diplomacy is the age of dishonesty.
 That this House will emigrate.
 That the age of liberalism is past.
 That peace is the only foreign policy.
 That this House prefers scientific humanism to dogmatic Christianity.

These propositions, typical of what many societies considered during the year, are proposition of fact and of value.⁵ The figurative wording encourages the speakers to exercise greater latitude in their approach. None of these of course would lend themselves to analysis according to the familiar stereotyped stock issues which often dominate in American collegiate debate.

The presiding officer and rules of procedure. A society conducts its activities in parliamentary form much like any other public meeting. The chairman, or "speaker of the House" controls the debate. A student opens his remarks with, "Mr. Speaker, Sir," and he continues to address his remarks to the presiding officer. Below are several of the standing orders of Leeds University Debating Society which regulate the Speaker:

Either the President of the Union or the Chairman of Debates or their representatives shall take the chair at all debates and is hereinafter referred to as "The Speaker of the House."

The House will be upstanding on the entry and exit of the Speaker of the House. The Speaker of the House shall decide all questions of order, and his ruling shall not be questioned or discussed during the meeting at which it is given, nor at any subsequent meeting. A member desiring to appeal from the Chair can do so only by written statement to the Debates Committee, and their decision shall be final. The Speaker of the House shall call on any member to withdraw or apologise for any disorderly or offensive expression by him."

The Speaker of the House shall call on any member to desist from any noise or demonstration which tends to disturb the orderly conduct of Debate.

The Clerk to the House will keep the Minutes of proceedings to be read and approved by the House at the Debate immediately following that of which they form a record. Gowns will be worn at all Debates by the Speaker, the Clerk to the House and the Principal Speakers and also the Mace Bearer and Tellers. Evening dress and gowns

⁴ *Parliamentary Debates, House of Commons, Fifth Series*, Vol. 393, pp. 403-404.

⁵ For additional British propositions, see Braden, *op. cit.*, p. 287.

will be worn by officers and the Principal Speakers in Evening Debates.

At every ordinary meeting of the Society a period not exceeding ten minutes shall be set aside for business submitted by members of the Society.

The form of debate. The British do not have teams like those which Americans have. A speaker on a given side presents his own views on the problem, making little attempt to cooperate with other speakers in the presentation of a case or to be consistent with his colleagues. The Leeds Society has the following standing orders referring to form of the debate:

No member shall have the right to speak more than once in a debate, except the mover and opposer of the motion.

Any member, however, may at any time speak to a point of order or, with the permission of the House, make a personal explanation.

A point of order shall be notified by covering of the head.

Points of information may also be made at the discretion of the member speaking.

The duration of the speeches shall be as follows:

Mover and Opposer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 minutes
Seconders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 minutes
Other Speakers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 minutes

except in the case of visitors speaking by invitation of the Committee, when no limit of time shall be imposed. At the expiration of the time allowed for a speech, a member may move "that Mr. . . . be permitted to speak for a further five minutes"; the Speaker of the House shall put this motion when seconded, without speeches or discussion.

Any member may at any time rise to a point of order, and no debate shall continue until the point of order has been decided by the Speaker of the House.

All expressions of a personal or offensive nature shall be deemed out of order.

Members must address the Chair and the formula used shall be "Mr. Speaker."

A member must resume his seat when the Speaker of the House rises to speak.

The division of the house. The outcome of a debate is in the hands of the members; the critic judge or panel of judges is unknown in the usual society debate. When all speakers of the floor have had their turns, the members of the society divide on the resolution. The Leeds society has the following standing orders which apply to voting:

Members leaving before a division is taken but after:

(a) the Proposer and Opposer have spoken, or

(b) after the conclusion of the leading speeches may record their votes with the Tellers, who shall be appointed before leading speeches.

On a division being called, the Speaker of the House shall call upon the House to Divide and shall appoint Tellers to count the votes. The votes of the Tellers shall be counted.

The members of the Union are Members of the House; all other persons are strangers. No strangers may speak or vote in the House unless invited to do so by the Debates Committee.

The debating in a British debating society represents a type or form of debating very different from what is practiced in usual American forensic programs. Many American students who have debated abroad have testified to the fact that it is challenging and stimulating. They return to this country enthusiastic about the experience of talking to active listeners who are eager to participate in the give-and-take of deliberative speaking. The British pattern perhaps offers a means of vitalizing a program and giving students a realistic experience in speaking.

"I HAVE PROVED CONCLUSIVELY . . ."

DAVID W. SHEPARD*

A pause. The debater approaches the conclusion of his speech. A holy calm pervades the scene. Then, with unctuous grandiloquence, he says, "On the basis of the logic and evidence presented thus far in the debate, my colleague and I have proved conclusively that the Flywheel Bill should be passed!" All of this concludes his oversimplifying the oversimplified and overstating the overstated. This stock phraseology demands a rebuttal, for one may contend somewhat dogmatically that no debater can "prove conclusively" either with "logic" or evidence in the time at his disposal. A scrutiny of "I have proved conclusively that . . ." will explain why.

What has the debater said? He has uttered two propositions: First, the Flywheel Bill should be passed; second, I have proved it. The adverb *conclusively* may be omitted as mere redundancy, for the verb *prove*, if not conclusive, is no proof at all. An analysis of the proposition in the subordinate clause is first in order, for upon it hangs the main clause in the debater's conclusion.

The Flywheel Bill should be passed. To probe this proposition we must begin with elementary grammar. Note that the verb is in the future tense passive voice—in other words, be passed *by somebody*. The passive voice poses no problem, but the future tense poses one. How can we prove a proposition that is in the future tense? By *prove* we are entitled to presume that the debater means "demonstrated true or false" inasmuch as he has invoked holy logic. The answer is that it is extremely difficult to prove a controversial issue true or false under any circumstance, let alone when it is a stipulation about the future. Let us reduce the proposition to the simple future tense and debate "Resolved, that the Flywheel Bill will pass." This is a *factual* proposition, for we can demonstrate eventually the proposition to be true or false. The demonstration depends upon some set of circumstances which we can readily describe. We know what the conditions must be to determine whether or not Congress has passed the Flywheel Bill. When the moment of decision arrives and the bill fails, the proposition is still factual because it is subject to disproof in the true-false sense. For example, "Resolved, that the 18th Amendment was repealed" is a factual proposition, and on the basis of the evidence at our disposal it is true. "The 18th Amendment was not repealed" is factual and it is false on the basis of what evidence we have. It is apparent that a factual proposition, unlike our debate propositions, depends upon evidence rather than upon formal considerations (logic) or upon intuition and revelation. Of course this is all elementary logic. One wonders whether or not some debaters and their coaches have even nodding acquaintance with elementary logic when debaters go bounding off with proof conclusive about future propositions.

"Ah ha!" says the debater. "We defined our terms as 'ought to' and under no circumstances will we debate what *will* be done." Unfortunately for us and for the debaters these propositions are rarely straightforward affairs in the future

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tense. "That Congress should pass the Flywheel Bill" is future tense and much more—it contains judgment. If it is difficult to establish the truth or falsity of a future proposition, what happens when the proposition becomes involved with value? If we wish to be cold blooded about it, we no longer have a factual proposition, and if we no longer have a factual proposition, then we cannot debate its truth or falsity in any customary sense of the terms. We can prove logical propositions to be true or false (i.e., Congress will or will not pass the Flywheel Bill) and we can prove *some* factual propositions to be true or false (i.e., The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941; Fulton Lewis, Jr. will praise Harry Truman on July 4, 1959). But what of nonfactual and non-logical propositions? Indeed we are up against it. We do debate questions of value and we must make up our minds as best we can with what evidence we have. With questions which probe the future and the distant past, we must be content with probability. The debater who establishes probability does not prove anything—proof becomes irrelevant.

Let us suppose that the Flywheel Bill is to levy a one cent tax on bottled and canned beer (of specified or indifferent frequency response). Presumably the debater can establish the current consumption of canned and bottled beer, and he can establish the income from the tax if consumption remains about the same. None of this evidence is conclusive insofar as it departs from itself. Rather the evidence leads to conclusions which are only probably true or false. What indicates that the passage of the bill will or will not be a good thing is the need for additional revenue by the government. Yet the *need* for revenue does not *prove* that the bill should be passed. Such evidence contributes to a description of what circumstances must be to demonstrate that *true these things will occur if the bill is enacted*. The conclusion may be probably true because the time has not yet arrived and these things have not occurred.

Have we established probability if we have a collection of factual evidence which points in one direction? We may have. But with the controversial issues which we argue in college debate, the evidence points in several directions. This is especially true when we move from evidence of brute fact to opinion evidence which is based upon both factual and nonfactual evidence. The debater assembles a list of twenty-five impressive names who believe that the Flywheel Bill should be enacted. How do we *know* that they believe it? Why, they assert it! Cold blood may get the better of us and we may deny the possibility of determining what a man believes on the basis of his own testimony. If we let this pass, we may still insist that the debater is restricted to one conclusion: "Apparently these twenty-five men believe that the Flywheel Bill should be passed." The relation between this conclusion and "this proves the bill should be passed" is tenuous indeed. Again hard-headed practicality counters chilly reasoning with "but this is the way we make up our minds."

This is conducive to a digression upon parallel generalizations. Twenty-five men of unimpeachable character assert that they have seen ghosts. Does this prove or indicate that ghosts exist? Hardly. Yet this is the way we make up our minds. The only way out of this impasse is to suggest that where the debater's experts supply no evidence, the debater substitute discretion for enthusiasm and

avoid concluding that which cannot be concluded. Where authorities are somewhat more charitable with their evidence, the debater can be somewhat more courageous. After all, he may have established probability—that the Flywheel Bill will furnish the government additional revenue; that the government needs the money; that the consumption of beer being what it is, the income will remain relatively constant. This is probability and nothing more. Proof absolute is beyond the debater if there are authorities of equal competence arriving at conflicting conclusions from identical and conflicting evidence, or as long as there may be exceptions to what he contends. Proof precludes exceptions, while probability admits of exceptions and uncertainty. Proof is absolute, while probability is a matter of degree.

I have proved. Now we arrive at the main clause of the debater's proposition. We might excuse this clause on the grounds of forensic exaggeration or rhetorical embellishment if the debater ever got around to saying what he had in mind. But this explanation eludes us. We are obliged to assume that the debater says what he means, and we take what he says at face value. On these grounds this analysis is not mere pedantry and hair-splitting. It must be kept in mind that there are two obstacles to proving that the Flywheel Bill ought to be passed. First, it is a future proposition. Second, it involves judgment. As long as either of these conditions holds, the debater is fortunate if he can establish probability. This is especially true of the second, for the inclusion of judgment places the proposition in the category of the nondebateable for it is no longer factual. This leads inexorably to one comment about the main clause *I have proved*: Nonsense.

Proof absolute may be well enough for the debater who feels that no evidence is better than bad evidence, or that it is better to botch the job than not do it at all. One might suggest with some warmth that the debater add two parts caution to one part evidence and content himself with highly tentative conclusions. While he is concerned with probability he will be constrained from drawing conclusions which are out of tune with his evidence. This will not be congenial to the thunder-and-lightning school of debate, and it will be cold porridge to the American Booboisie with their just-add-hot-water-and-serve logic. It is a view of debate that will withstand scholarly scrutiny.



MINUTES OF NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING—(Cont'd from page 7)

E. As of September 30, 1958 the financial statement of Tau Kappa Alpha included the following assets:

Open Account -----	\$1,839.60
(with Business Office at Montana State University)	
Savings Account -----	\$7,777.86
(with Western Montana Building & Loan Co., Missoula)	
TOTAL-----	\$9,617.46

3. The following Regional Governors Reports were read and approved:
 - Northeastern Region — reported by Dr. Beard
 - Mideastern Region — reported by Dr. Moll
 - Virginia Region — reported by Dr. Bert Bradley
 - Southern Region — reported by Dr. Christopherson
(as proxy for Dr. Weatherby)
 - Ohio-Kentucky Region — reported by Dr. McIntyre
 - Midwestern Region — reported by Dr. Cripe
 - Western Region — reported by Dr. Wayne Eubank
(as proxy for Prof. Freestone)
4. The Historian's Report was presented by Dr. Charles Layton who made the following recommendations:
 - A. Preliminary consideration should be given to the possibility of establishing a National TKA Museum and Archives.
 - B. The National Council should consider the appointment of a new Historian. Reasons for this recommendation were that the present Historian, now retired, no longer receives either transportation or subsistence allowances, or allowances for postage, stationery, etc., from the college of his former employment. Immediate action by the council was requested regarding the recommendation to appoint a new Historian.
5. During the voluntary absence from the Council by the Historian, discussion was held on the advisability of electing a new Historian. Moved by Powell and seconded by Blyton "that a petty-cash fund of \$100.00 per year be made available from the National Treasury of Tau Kappa Alpha for the incidental expenses of Dr. Charles Layton as Historian of Tau Kappa Alpha for as many years as he continues in office." The motion was PASSED. (Dr. Layton was notified immediately of this action and was extended the warm appreciation of the National Council for his decision to accept continued appointment as Historian.)
6. The annual Student Council Report was read by Dr. Blyton as the proxy for Dick Roberts. Considerable discussion was held on the excellent interest shown by the members of the Student Council in the administrative and policy affairs of the fraternity. Moved by Hagood and seconded by Baker "that the National Council of TKA commend the officers and members of the Student Council for their recommendations to the National Council, and that continuing discussions be held by both the National Council and the Student Council relative to methods of implementing the recommendations of the Student Council." The motion was PASSED.

7. The annual report of the Editor of *The Speaker* was presented by Dr. Keith Montgomery. Total costs for printing and distributing the four issues of *The Speaker* in 1958 were \$1771.62. Members of the Council expressed praise and appreciation for the excellent work performed by Dr. Montgomery in editing a magazine which has commanded widespread attention for its qualities of high academic and professional standards.
8. Dr. Gifford Blyton submitted his report as Director of the 1958 National TKA Conference at Lexington, Kentucky. In accepting his report President Bradley and members of the Council expressed enthusiastic appreciation for a big job well done.
9. Dr. Cripe submitted a progress report on Alumni Awards which will be announced and presented at the 1959 Conference according to the same procedures as were used in announcing and awarding the Alumni Awards at the 1958 Conference.
10. Dr. Redding submitted his report on Speaker of the Year Awards. Considerable discussion revealed strong appreciation for the work by Dr. Redding and strong conviction that this aspect of TKA activities and services should be continued.
11. Dr. Moll submitted his report on plans for the 1959 National TKA Conference at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., March 23-25. The Council discussed his plans at length and took the following actions:
 - A. Moved by Powell and seconded by Beard "that the 1959 National Conference Director be allowed to draw on the National Treasury up to \$200.00 in advance of the Conference for Preliminary expenses of the Conference." The motion was PASSED.
 - B. Moved by Baker and seconded by Layton "that the 1959 National Conference Director be authorized to assess the same registration fee schedule for the 1959 Conference as was assessed at the 1958 Conference." The motion was PASSED.
 - C. Moved by Hagood and seconded by Cripe "that only TKA schools and petitioning schools be invited to participate in the 1959 National Conference." The motion was PASSED.
 - D. Moved by Cripe and seconded by Hagood "that the American Forensic Association debate ballot should be used at the 1959 Conference at Rutgers University." The motion was PASSED by a vote of 13 to 1.
 - E. Moved by Cripe and seconded by Hagood "that the initiation of new TKA members of the 1959 Conference should be conducted by the national student officers." The motion was PASSED.
 - F. Moved by Blyton and seconded by Baker "that After Dinner Speaking as a contest activity should be eliminated at the 1959 National Conference." The motion was PASSED.
 - G. Moved by Layton and seconded by Cripe "to adopt the recommendations of the National Student Council (May issue of *The Speaker*, 1958, page 15) regarding the use of only one topic at the student Congress sessions at the 1959 TKA National Conference." The motion was PASSED.

- H. The National Secretary was requested by the President and the 1959 Conference Director to order the same number of TKA Plaques and certificates for the 1959 Conference as were awarded for the various speech events at the 1958 Conference.
- I. Dr. Moll recommended that members of the National Council should make their hotel reservations early for the National Conference. He suggested that Council meetings should be held at the Hotel Roger Smith, New Brunswick, New Jersey.
12. Dr. Eubank reported the recommendations of the Standards Committee regarding applications for chartered chapters of Tau Kappa Alpha.
- A. The application of Bellarmine College of Louisville, Kentucky was recommended by a 3 to 0 vote of the Committee. The National Council approved by a unanimous vote (14 to 0) the granting of a charter to Bellarmine. The National Secretary was instructed to proceed with preparations for presentation of the charter at the 1959 Conference.
- B. The application of New Mexico Highlands University was not recommended for action during 1959.
- C. Action on the application of Rochester Institute of Technology at Rochester, New York, was postponed until the National Council Meeting at Rutgers in March.
13. Dr. Eubank reported the recommendations of the Standards Committee regarding the status of present TKA Chapters.
- A. Randolph-Macon College was recommended for removal from "Probation." PASSED. (The new forensics program at Randolph-Macon College was given high praise and encouragement by several members of the Council.)
- B. Lafayette College was recommended for continued probation. PASSED. (The college administration has not yet appointed a faculty sponsor.)
- C. Emory University was recommended for continued probation. PASSED. (The student forensics program lacks faculty guidance and the TKA Chapter at Emory University has no faculty sponsor.)
- D. Lynchburg College, Davidson College and Hobart College were recommended for placement on probation. PASSED. (The forensic programs at these schools lacked faculty direction.)
- E. Drew University, Arkansas State College, Keuka College, McMurry College, and Southwestern Tennessee State College were recommended for de-activation because of failure to initiate new members and failure to respond to correspondence sent to those schools. PASSED.
14. Dr. Keith Montgomery reported the recommendations of the Nominating Committee as follows:
- A. For National Council Members at Large:
- Dr. James McBath ----- University of Southern California
 Prof. Donald Sprague ----- University of Miami
 Prof. Ralph W. Widener ----- University of Arkansas
- B. For Editor of *The Speaker* for a three-year term:
- Dr. Bert Bradley ----- University of Richmond
- The recommendations were APPROVED

15. The Secretary reviewed the problem of membership fees for faculty chapter sponsors and for honorary members.
 - A. Moved by Cripe and seconded by Powell "that Honorary memberships in TKA should be granted to new chapter sponsors without payment of the national fee of \$8.00." The motion was PASSED.
 - B. Moved by Christopherson and seconded by Hagood "that local chapters pay a \$2.00 national fee for each Honorary Membership in the local Chapter." The motion was PASSED.
16. The Secretary reported that a recent U. S. Supreme Court decision reversed a previous decision relative to payment of federal excise taxes on jewelry of non-profit educational societies. In the future TKA will pay no Federal tax on key orders. State and city taxes will continue. Requested by McGinnis that the present prices of TKA keys and pins remain the same for 1959-60. The request was APPROVED.
 - A. The possibility of a Federal tax refund to TKA will be reported by the Secretary at the Rutgers University Conference in March.
 - B. The increased cost of Certificates will be offset by not reducing the cost of key orders.
17. The Secretary reported that on all future TKA keys the date engraved will be the date of initiation into TKA rather than any projected date of graduation from college by the applicant.
18. The Secretary received various informal suggestions for the administration of the national office.

Respectfully submitted,
December 30, 1958
Dr. Ralph Y. McGinnis
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Tau Kappa Alpha
Montana State University
Missoula, Montana

Effective with the next issue of *The Speaker* the Editor will be:

DR. BERT E. BRADLEY

Department of Speech

University of Richmond

Richmond, Virginia

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The following is a list of new members for the fiscal year. If the list for your school is incomplete or inaccurate, please inform the national secretary-treasurer.

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Wayne Loudermilch		David L. Veal

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Margaret Williams	Sue Edgar
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REGIONAL NEWS

Midwest Region

The fifteen chapters in this region are all functioning with thirteen of them in excellent shape. One, Evansville, is recovering fast from years of inattention and is having a good program of forensics this year. The other chapter, Cornell, is still having its problems. Three regional chapters have done their bit to encourage more and better forensics in this region by starting new tournaments. Ball State sponsors two, Indiana State has an early tournament and this year is playing host to both state oratorical contests, and Earlham has inaugurated a new debate tournament this year. When these are added to the tournaments sponsored by Butler, Purdue, and Notre Dame it is easy to see why debate is prospering in this region.

The Midwest Region held its seven-

teenth Annual Conference at Western Michigan on October 31 and November 1. Nine chapters were present along with visiting schools, Flint and Ferris. Deldee Herman and Charles Helgesen acted as co-hosts. The consensus was that this was one of the best conferences in the history of the region. The facilities were excellent, the program was well planned and conducted, the calibre of the participation was high. At the business meeting David Kreider, Manchester College, was elected president of the Region; John Stark, Butler University, was elected vice-president; Dr. Paul Keller, Manchester College, was elected Secretary; Dr. Nicholas M. Cripe, Butler University, was elected Governor for a three year term. The 1959 conference will be held at Manchester College the last weekend in October.

CHAPTER NEWS

University of Alabama

By traveling 3,500 miles and attending five tournaments, the University of Alabama has begun a successful debate season. On the weekend of November 7 and 8, Frederika Rapp and Julian Butler received certificates of superior and Joe Cook and John Davies, certificates of excellent at the annual Alabama Discussion Conference. At the Southern Region TKA Debate Tournament at the University of South Carolina, November 21 and 22, Alabama was the recipient of the rotating Governor's Trophy given to the first place school at this tournament. On December 5 and 6, four first year debaters from the University of Alabama won first place honors at the Deep South Debate Tournament at Mississippi College.

The weekend of December 12 and 13 was certainly an outstanding one on Alabama's fall debate calendar. At the Razorback Debate Tournament sponsored by the University of Arkansas, Alabama debaters took first place in Junior Division Debate. At the University of Pittsburgh, four Alabama debaters won first place in the Pittsburgh Cross-Examination Debate Tournament.

Bill Bouldin is now serving as Manager of Debate at the University of Alabama. The President of Alabama's chapter of TKA is David McCaleb. Other members of the Debate Council are Frederika Rapp, Marjorie Meyer, and Joe Cook.

Mrs. Annabel D. Hagood is Director of Forensics at the University and the graduate assistants in debate are Miss Jan Beauboeuf and Miss Betty B. Grimmer.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute

In November five students were initiated by the Auburn Chapter. They are Rita Maldonado, Don C. Williams, Richard B. Neville, Tommy T. Anderson, and Barbara A. Dodd.

The first event of 1959 for the debate squad will be the All-Southern Debate Tournament at Agnes Scott College in January. The annual intramural debate tournament jointly sponsored by the Debate Council and TKA will be held in February.

Ball State Teachers College

The Ball State Chapter has attended the Regional Conference at Kalamazoo. The Chapter was also represented at the Indiana State Teachers College debate tournament, at the Butler Novice Tournament, and at Navy Pier. The teams have also debated at Manchester College for an invitational debate. Four teams from Taylor University were invited to Ball State for a debate on December 12. Two freshmen and two varsity debaters presented a demonstration debate for Muncie Kiwanis in October. On November 6, Verlin Nutter (president) and Morry Mannies debated the Oxford debaters on "Resolved, that the function of the cinema and the theater is to entertain rather than to instruct." There were two hundred and seventy-five in the audience for that debate.

Presently the Ball State chapter is preparing for the Gavel Tournament to be held on January 31. Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, and Indiana schools have been invited. The tournament attendance will be rather modest, for this is the semester end for many schools.

Ball State is holding its annual High School Speech Conference on January 10. Approximately twenty Indiana high schools have debate teams entered in the conference. There will be two rounds of regular debate and one round of cross question debate on "Resolved, that the United States should adopt the essential features of the Russian system of education."

Berea College

Berea is working to enlarge chapter membership. Last year three new members were initiated. This year we look forward to more.

Berea attended the Regional Tau Kappa Alpha Meeting in Cincinnati entering one varsity debate team.

January 10, 1959, Berea will be host to the Kentucky Intercollegiate Debate Tournament.

Butler University

This first semester has been a busy one for Butler TKA members and for the prospective members. The season opened with a debate clinic for high school debaters and their coaches on October 4. One of the high lights of the clinic was a debate on the merits of the Russian education system between Butler's TKA national champion two-man team of Ruth Anne Clark and Ted Walwik and a DSR team from DePauw. At the Midwest Regional Conference at Western Michigan a Butler TKA member, John Stark, was first in discussion. Butler debaters have been in six tournaments and 66 debates this first semester. They have been first in three of the tournaments and won 51 of the debates. The plans are for 13 tournaments and at least five oratorical contests the second semester. The Butler chapter will be represented at Rutgers.

University of Cincinnati

The Cincinnati chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha held a farewell banquet for sponsor Miss Ruth Dowden on December 19. Miss Dowden is leaving at the end of the semester. She and her future husband are planning to live in Richmond, Indiana. Among those in attendance at the banquet was Reginald McCrane, one of the founders of our chapter.

Earlham College

The Earlham chapter of TKA sponsored a debate tournament on December 13 in which eight schools participated. Tom Wagner, TKA pledge, tied for third place in individual ranking among the forty debaters who took part in the three rounds of debate. A trophy was awarded to Butler, the winning team, and individual recognition was given to the five debaters receiving the highest ratings by the judges. Stephen Johnson and Brenda Baumhart have qualified for membership in TKA and will be initiated during the second semester. Several debate tournaments and the national TKA conference are on the forensic schedule for the Earlham squad.

University of Kentucky

For the first time in twenty-eight years the University of Kentucky entertained debaters from Oxford University. The debate was enthusiastically received by an S.R.O. audience. The appearance of the Oxford men has stimulated considerable interest in debate so we are anticipating many good additions to our squad.

Plans have been made to participate in the National Conference at Rutgers where we shall have entrants in all events. We also hope to initiate five persons into TKA.

Richard Roberts, President of the National Student Council, was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa and ODK. However, he has not been too busy to complete plans for a good meeting at Rutgers.

Louisiana State University

During the first semester, the debaters of Louisiana State University participated in the following events:

The Fourth Forensic Conference at home; the Regional TKA Conference at the University of South Carolina; the Novice Tournament at Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi; the Louisiana Speech Association Professional Conference and Festival, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana; Millsaps Debate Tournament at Jackson, Mississippi.

The program is under the direction of Waldo W. Braden, Professor of Speech. He is assisted by Dr. Owen Peterson, Associate Professor of Speech, and Lenore Evans and Rolland Morvant.

Mankato State College

Prior to the Christmas holidays, Mankato debaters had participated in four intercollegiate tournaments, including events at Duluth, Minn., Wayne, Neb., Macalester College and the University of Minnesota. In three of the four tourneys, at least one Mankato team was undefeated.

During January and February, the following events are anticipated: Jan. 14—local oratory contest; Jan. 10—Concordia (St. Paul) debate meet; Jan. 17—River Falls, Wis., "B" debate & after dinner speaking; Jan. 23-24—St. Cloud, Minn., Conference debate & speech meet; Feb. 7-8—Fargo-Morhead, Red River Valley debate & speech meet;

Feb. 12-14—Northwestern University, debate tournament; Feb. 19-21—Eau Claire, Wis., debate & speech tournament.

University of Maryland

Maryland's debate program for the fall semester wound up after getting off to a rousing start. TKA took a hand in getting things started by sponsoring a forum on the national debate topic in October, at which a political scientist, a nuclear engineering specialist, and a biologist, each took a look at the nuclear weapons problem.

By the time Christmas vacation had come around Maryland students had taken part in 114 debates with some twenty-five debaters in action. Maryland debaters had scored one second place and three third places while taking part in six fall tournaments. In addition three audience debates were held before total audiences exceeding 1,000 people; the highlight of this activity was our first international debate with Oxford in December before a standing room only crowd.

We will begin 1959's activities by attending the Mid-Eastern TKA regional conference at Morgan State College. Other plans for 1959 call for trips to: John Hopkins University, College of William & Mary, Seton Hall University, TKA Conference at Rutgers, Georgetown University, Brooklyn College, and the U.S. Naval Academy.

At home we will play host to 36 colleges from Maine (Bates) to California (Stanford) for the second annual Capitol Hill Tournament in February. A number of TKA schools will be present. We will also welcome twenty Maryland high schools for our first Maryland High School Forensic Festival at which time our TKA chapter will present a

cup to the sweepstakes winner. Finally we will be hosts to the Atlantic Coast Conference finals in May.

Newly elected members of TKA include: Fred Smith, Sybil Rappoport, Bill Levy, Joe Hardiman; we plan to initiate them at the national conference in March. In addition Robert McCartney, director of University Public Relations and head of the University Speaker's Bureau will be made an honorary member.

Memphis State University

The first semester of this debate season has been successful for the MSU chapter of TKA and the Forensics Association. Both organizations are being sponsored by Mr. Thomas King, who has come to us this year from Florida State.

The season began with Dwight Williams winning an excellent award at the University of Alabama Discussion Conference. The chapter attended the Southern Regional TKA Tournament at University of South Carolina. At the University of Arkansas Razorback Forensic Meet, MSU orators took first and third places.

Plans are being made for the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League's District I Tournament for West Tennessee high schools. The contest will include debate, forensic events, and a play contest.

Gail Howard, MSU '59 and president of the local chapter, has been elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. She is also editor of Memphis State's yearbook, *The Desota*. Jeanne Graham, MSU '60, has recently been elected secretary of the Southern Region of TKA.

Miami University

The Miami University Forensic Society is again dividing its activity between the Miami University Speakers Bureau, now in its 25th year, and an enlarged debating program. The year 1959 marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of Miami. To aid in the commemoration of this sesquicentennial celebration the Forensic Society is sponsoring a two man cross examination style debate tournament on April 10 and 11, 1959. Twenty-five schools have already signed up to come and take part in this competition.

University of Mississippi

Members of the chapter have been active this fall in all five areas of the University of Mississippi's forensics program: debate, discussion, legislative assembly, speakers' bureau and high school workshop. They have made off-campus trips to Louisiana State University, University of Alabama, Emory University and the Mississippi Youth Congress in Jackson. Charles Pickering, chapter president was elected president of the Senate at the Youth Congress. The two TKA members of the five man delegation were responsible for seven of the eleven awards received by the group at the Congress.

Morgan State College

On January 10, 1959, the chapter will be host to all colleges in the Mid-Eastern Region of TKA. At this time ten colleges have indicated an acceptance of the invitation to attend. There will be three rounds of debate and an organizational meeting of TKA chapters.

Nine pledges will be welcomed into TKA during the current year. It is expected that three of these debaters will be initiated into the Fraternity at the National Conference at Rutgers this spring.

Currently, the forensic program is being expanded to include persuasive speaking and experience in the Oregon style of debating.

University of New Mexico

The University of New Mexico forensic squad is in the midst of a very active season. Among tournaments attended are the Broncho Tournament at Central State College, Edmond, Oklahoma; Texas Tech Tournament, Lubbock, Texas; and the Western Speech Association Tournament, Salt Lake City, Utah. At the last named tournament the team of Joe Mercer and Robert Hanna reached the quarter-finals in a field of 62 teams in the Senior Division. Tournaments over the intermediate term are scheduled for the Golden Spread, Amarillo, Texas, and at the U. of Arizona in Tucson.

It is a pleasure to note that William Snead, who debated for three seasons with the U. of New Mexico squad and is a member of Tau Kappa Alpha, has been selected as the New Mexico entrant in the Rhodes Scholarship competition for the Western region. This reminds us that the last winner of a Rhodes Scholarship from the U. of New Mexico was a debater and a member of Tau Kappa Alpha, one John Morrison, who studied law at Oxford and is now serving an obligation to Uncle Sam in the Navy. Those Tau Kappa Alpha men will do to watch!

Occidental College

The first activity held by the Tau Kappa Alpha chapter on the Occidental campus this year was to sponsor an inter-collegiate debate between Pomona College and Occidental. The debate was of a humorous nature around the topic: Resolved that Occidental College is a better college than Pomona. The

interesting factor in the debate was that each team upheld the side of their rival school.

Occidental is quite proud of the fact that two of our students have been selected as Rhodes Scholars for the next year. Both men, while at the college have debated and Aaron Segal, one of the recipients, is present chapter president.

At the two tournaments that Occidental has attended this year we have fared quite well. At the "warm-up" tournament at Los Angeles City College we received a superior award in Upper Division Men's Debate. At the next contest the college won one of the two team awards given in Upper Division and placed first in Upper Men's Debate, first and second in Women's and Men's Interpretation, respectively, and second in Upper Men's Oratory. This tournament was the Western States Alternate and held at the University of Southern California.

In the future the chapter is planning to sponsor two events on campus. The first is a discussion with the Military Academy at West Point in March, following this we plan to sponsor our annual Tournament of Peers in April. This year's tournament will be held in memory of one of our strongest supporters, C. C. Cunningham.

Newly elected members of the Occidental chapter are Eva Burgess, Russell Barber, Fred de la Pena and Carolyn Lane.

Purdue University

TKA members at Purdue have been working with the intercollegiate and the intramural speech events on our campus as well as participating in debates and discussions at other schools. The staff of instructors and teaching as-

sistants that is directing the various activities is especially strong this year. The intramural contests, the weekly radio debates or discussions, and the intercollegiate forensic events are increasing in quantity and quality of participation. The novice debaters under Henry Scheele's direction won the Butler Tournament with a record of 8-0 and have done well in other contests.

Vanderbilt University

Professor Dwight Freshley is teaching at Athens College, Athens, Greece, on leave from Vanderbilt.

Professor William H. Veatch is directing forensics this year. Professor Veatch is Professor Emeritus of Speech from the State College of Washington and is a past National President of Pi Kappa Delta.

Vanderbilt, so far this year has entered five tournaments at the University of Kentucky, Mercer University, Western Kentucky, the University of Pittsburgh and the TKA Regional at the University of South Carolina. At three of these tournaments, Vanderbilt has had either the top affirmative or the top negative team.

The Vanderbilt chapter has elected three students and one faculty member.

University of Vermont

There seems to be an ever increasing interest in debating in the Northeast. Some fifty-five students turned out for debate at the University of Vermont this fall with thirty-seven getting a full program of Intercollegiate Debate. Our Freshman squad is the strongest the University has ever had, with nine having had high school experience. Most of these were immediately put into the varsity division and have fared particularly well. One team has won

eleven out of twelve debates so far. Two other teams have a record of ten wins out of twelve debates. Tournaments attended have included: The Hamilton Novice, Dartmouth Novice, University of Rochester, St. Joseph's, St. Lawrence, St. Anselm's Novice, Tufts, New York University, Hall of Fame, and the Middlebury Cross Examination Tournament along with the University of Vermont Invitational. The University has won the Dartmouth Novice and the Middlebury Cross Examination Tourney.

The thirteenth annual Invitational Debate Tournament was held on Friday and Saturday, November 21 and 22. The number of teams attending increased by thirty percent over previous years. Fifty-three schools were in attendance with ninety-seven debates going on simultaneously. This meant that 485 debates were held during the tournament. There were 388 debaters participating along with 97 faculty critics. Counting all the chairmen-time-keepers and others engaged in administering the tournament, the total figure amounted to 1050 people participating in some official capacity in the tournament.

Willamette University

Willamette's forensic squad is participating in the College of Puget Sound (Washington) and Linfield College and Portland State College Town Meeting Tournaments (Oregon) this season. Ten speakers represented the University at the Western Speech Association Forensic Tournament in Salt Lake City in November.

Kay Farley, TKA member, won first cash prize in the State Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, December 11.

Two TKA members will participate

in a panel with two cadets from the United States Military Academy at West Point before the Willamette University student body assembly March 10. The topic will be, "Can Soviet and American Educational Objectives Ever Be Reconciled?"

College of William and Mary

The College debaters began the debate season with six tournaments scheduled for the pre-Christmas period. At a practice tournament at the University of Maryland, one of our units took first place by being the only undefeated team at the meet. At the Wake Forest Novice meet four freshmen, Shep McKenney, Bill Bryant, Wayne McCall, and Dot Young, placed third. The College entered two units in the Virginia Region Fall TKA meet at the University of Virginia. One unit, composed of Jom Odell, Diane Pickering, Roger Green, and Sally Keep, placed first. Our second unit, composed of Shep McKenney, Bill Bryant, Al Kennedy, and Diana Jacobs, placed second in the meet. William and Mary debaters won seven of the eight speaker's awards given at the meet. The following week, a team from the College placed second in an invitational meet at the U.S. Naval Academy. Participation in the Wake Forest Dixie Classic and the Pittsburgh Cross Exam meets this fall is planned. After Christmas twelve trips are scheduled including the Miami, Northwestern, Dartmouth, Maryland, New York University, and National TKA meets.

On the 17th of January the William and Mary chapter will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of TKA with a special Golden Anniversary Initiation. Six new members will be initiated at that time. All of the College's chapter alumni have been invited to the event. We have discovered that our alumni are scattered all over the world and include State Department personnel, judges, lawyers, the Mayor of Richmond, Virginia, and look forward to this opportunity to meet our alumni. We hope that this event will be a valuable contribution to the celebration of TKA's 50th Anniversary.

On January 10 the College chapter will play host to 20 high schools in the state for a Debate Workshop. The day's events will include a forum on debate techniques by college faculty members, an exhibition debate by our own debaters, and three rounds of debate with college debaters serving as critics.

Our Marshall-Wythe Debate Tournament is scheduled for February 6 and 7. Our rolls are now closed, with 30 schools participating. The rolls include schools from California, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Florida, and Georgia. The event will feature six rounds of debate, receptions, a coach's party, and a Dixieland Jazz Concert for the debaters, as well as tours of Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown, and Jamestown.

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